

REMARKS

This Amendment is made in response to the Notice of Allowance dated May 4, 2009. In the last Office Action dated August 30, 2006, the Examiner indicated that claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this same Office Action, the Examiner also allowed claim 35. Applicants point out that allowed claim 35 is actually claim 6 rewritten in independent form.

In the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner allowed claim 35 but canceled claim 7, which was also allowable. Applicants believe that claim 7 should be allowed as well. By the present Amendment, dependent claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form. The scope of claim 7 has not been altered by this amendment. Independent claim 7 is a verbatim recitation of claim 7 which the Examiner indicated would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. No more than a cursory review would be required on the part of the Examiner. Claims 1-6 and 8-34 have been canceled. The only claims that are now pending are claims 7 and 35.

The Amendment is needed since claim 7 has been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. The rewriting of claim 7 does not require a new search. Claim 7 was indicated as being patentable by the Examiner in the Office Action of August 30, 2006. Claim 7 was not rewritten in independent form earlier since other claims were still on appeal.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully urged that all of the pending claims of the application are patentable and in a condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (310) 824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a revised Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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